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**REQUEST
FOR
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Application Number	09/733,429
Filing Date	12/8/2000
First Named Inventor	Kevin D. Bair
Art Unit	2171
Examiner Name	Thai, Hanh B.
Attorney Docket Number	STL000040US1 1716RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** 01/21/2004 HDAHTE1 00000136 090460 09733429
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a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on November 18, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

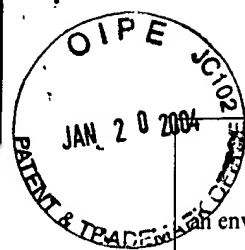
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee to Acct. No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation)
☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) - \$770.00

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed for payment of one (1) month extension of time
☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) - \$110.00

c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

- ☒ With copies.
- ☐ Without copies. Copies of the documents were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related application Serial No. **, filed **. This protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609 (A)(2).
- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with only copies of non-U.S. patent publication(s) and non-patent literature. This protocol conforms with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), which waives the requirement for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.
- ☐ The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

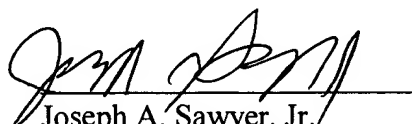
- ☐ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ Within three months of the application filing date, or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.
- ☒ Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under §1.113, or a Notice of Allowance §1.311. Accompanied by one of:
 - ☐ Certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e); or
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- ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is provided below:
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 - ☐ I hereby certify that no item of information was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making a reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2120 (Sawyer Law Group LLP).

Respectfully submitted,

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